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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Derrick A. King, 24, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to five years in federal prison without parole.

On Oct. 8, 2004, **King** pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. By pleading guilty, **King** admitted that he possessed with intent to distribute crack cocaine on Feb. 24, 2004. **King** also admitted that he was in possession of Llama Max II 9 mm semi-automatic pistol at the time law enforcement officers discovered the crack cocaine, Graves said.

King was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 6, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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